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FROM PAGANELLI, EMBASSY DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, US, CENTO, XO, XF, PFOR, QA

SUBJECT: PRESENCE OF US CARRIER TASK FORCE IN ARABIAN

SEA AND QATARI FEARS RE ALLEGED US PLAN FOR

MILITARY INTERVENTION IN OIL PRODUCING STATES

REF: STATE 242794

1. OVER PAST WEEK QATARI MEDIA HAVE BEEN REPEATING INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPORTS ON ALLEGED US CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION IN OIL PRODUCING STATES OF GULF AND ELSEWHERE AS US RESPONSE TO WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS CAUSED BY HIGH OIL PRICES. IN OUR NORMAL RANGE OF CONTACTS WITH BOTH OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL QATARIS, WE HAVE DETECTED CONSIDERABLE APPREHENSION ON SUBJECT. QATARIS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY WHAT THEY REGARD AS EQUIVOCAL DENIALS OF THESE STORIES BY SENIOR US OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE

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DONE AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO ALLAY LOCAL FEARS, QATARIS ARE

INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT US AT MINIMUM IS ACTIVELY CON-  
SIDERING SUCH A MOVE.

2. CURRENT PRESENCE OF US CARRIER TASK FORCE IN ARABIAN  
SEA HAS NOT AS YET BEEN MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH  
ALLEGED US PLANS TO INTERVENE IN AREA. HOWEVER, SHOULD  
FORCE MOVE CLOSE TO OR INTO GULF, IT INEVITABLE THAT THIS  
ACTION WILL BE INTERPRETED AS AT LEAST A THREATENING  
GESTURE AGAINST OIL PRODUCING STATES WITH INEVITABLE NEGA-  
TIVE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR RELATIONS HERE. HOWEVER WE EXPLAIN  
THIS ACTION AS OTHERWISE INTENDED, WE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE  
BELIEVED. GODLEY

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